

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

12:00 Noon

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections was called to order by **Representative Marc Corriveau**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Corriveau, Bieda, Donigan, Hammon, Pearce and Wenke.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Clemente and Ward.

Representative Bieda moved to adopt the minutes of the **May 8, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Bieda moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Corriveau laid **HB 4447** and **HB 4448** before the committee:

HB 4447	Warren	Elections; registration; resident address on driver license or personal identification card different than resident address on qualified voter file; permit.
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HB 4448	Warren	Traffic control; driver license; resident address on driver license different than resident address on qualified voter file; permit.
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TESTIMONY

Representative Coulouris, representing the 95th District, testified in support of the bills.

Philip T. Shepard, representing the Michigan Election Reform Alliance (MERA), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Nancy Bedell, representing herself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Jan BenDor, representing MERA, testified in support of the bills.

*The Chair opened the floor for discussion on “**Early Voting**” and “**Absentee Voting**”.*

Carmella Sabaugh, Macomb County Clerk, testified in support of early voting and absentee voting.

Roger Cardamone, Macomb County Chief Election Clerk, testified in support of early voting and absentee voting.

Kathy Dornan, Farmington Hills City Clerk and CEO of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified and submitted written testimony in support of early voting and absentee voting.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of early voting and absentee voting.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Township Association, testified and submitted written testimony in support of early voting in concept.

Larry Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk, testified in opposition to early voting and supports absentee voting.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman of Government Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI), representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, supports early voting and absentee voting.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Representative Marc Corriveau, Chair
House Standing Committee on Ethics and Elections

Malika Abdur-Rashid

Committee Clerk

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1 Hour and 26 Minutes